

UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST

The federal government regulates the Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the Food Stamp Program. Federal regulations provide rules to follow regarding account aging and expungement. State Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) regulations have reflected those rules in providing counties guidance on when to change account status.

Effective October 1, 2008, the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, the federal government changed the time period for account aging. The new time periods are being updated in our EBT regulations. In addition to changing account aging time frames, the Act also de-obligated food stamp coupons as legal tender. Therefore all reference to coupons being converted to EBT benefits is being repealed in these regulations.

Significant changes in these regulations include: 1) changing the number of days before an account reaches inactive, dormant, or expunged status; and 2) removing the reference to food stamp coupons as legal tender.

These regulations were considered at the public hearing held on October 13, 2010 in Sacramento, California. No written or oral testimony was received during the 45-day comment period from August 27 to October 13, 2010.

Even though there was no testimony received and there are no further changes proposed to the noticed regulations, CDSS renoticed the regulations package for 15 days because the factual basis for Sections 16-120.11 through .13 was amended.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.8, a 15-day renote and complete text of modifications made to the statement of reasons were made available to the public following the public hearing. No changes were made to the regulations text following the public hearing. No written testimony on the modifications renoticed for public comment from November 3 through 19, 2010 was received.